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HISTORY BUILDERS.

A Question of Forged Signature.
By DR. E. J. EDWARDS.

In the course of a day's ride from Richmond, Va., to Raleigh, N. C., in the spring of 1882, I had several very interesting chats with David Davis. His term as United States Senator had just expired, and he was on his way to Fayetteville, N. C., where he was to be married and whence he was to start upon a honeymoon tour extending as far South as New Orleans. Some way the conversation turned upon forgery. I think it was started by some reference to a forged letter purporting to have been written by James A. Garfield, which was published shortly before election, with intent to injure Garfield at the polls. Judge Davis told me that he was a circuit judge in Illinois, at a time when he made intimate acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln, who practiced much before him, he was called upon to sit in several cases involving accusations of forgery. All of them were defended on the ground that the signatures were not forged. One case in particular gave him a great deal of thought. The defendant admitted that the signature was his, but he defended himself on the ground that it was never used for the purpose of obtaining money. The man had an excellent character, and his frank admission that it was his signature, although he had never expended it for a note, raised a curious point. At last it was disclosed that the man had actually written his name at the bottom of a sheet of paper which contained a business letter. Somebody got hold of that letter, cut off the written part, and there was left considerable white space over the name. In that space he had written a note for several hundred dollars and had got the note discounted.

"Some years later I learned that in a Massachusetts court a question arose involving an accusation of forgery against Samuel Appleton, who was a prominent business man and manufacturer. Mr. Appleton was signed to a note, and his defense was that the signature which purported to have been his was a forgery. Experts in penmanship testified that Mr. Appleton's handwriting in all respects was similar to that of the acknowledged handwriting of Mr. Appleton's name."

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ARMY POST HORSES TO COMPETE AT BIG SHOW

Fort Myer and Fort Oglethorpe to Be Represented at Exhibition Here in May.

Fort Myer horses will be matched against those of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and other army points at the National Capital Horse Show, to be held May 10, 11, 12, and 13, it was announced yesterday by officials of the show. Capt. Guy Cushman will head the Georgia detachment. Officers and men of Fort Myer are taking great interest in the plans for the show and have made extensive entries in the military and hunting events.

AERONAUTICS MEETING HELD.

Army and Navy Men to Study Problem of Aerodynamics.

The recently created National Advisory Committee for Aerodynamics held its first meeting at the War Department yesterday. Secretary Garrison called the body to order, and Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven, chief signal officer of the army, was chosen temporary chairman, and Naval Constructor Holden C. Richardson, was chosen temporary secretary. The committee purposes to make studies of the problems of aerodynamics and the many phases of aviation.

All the members were present except Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, who was unable to attend on account of an account of a death in his family. The other members are Brig. Gen. Scriven, Lieut. Col. Samuel E. Reber, of the Signal Corps, and Lieut. Col. Mark L. Croix, of the Army. Richardson is director of aerodynamics in the navy. Naval Constructor Holden C. Richardson, Prof. Charles F. Marvin, of the Weather Bureau, Dr. S. W. Stratton, chief of the Bureau of Standards, Byron R. Newton, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Prof. William F. Durand, of the Stanford University, Prof. Michael Pupin, of Columbia University, Prof. John F. Hayford, Northwestern University, and Prof. Joseph P. Ames, Johns Hopkins University.

BETTER LIGHTING APPROVED.

Powerful Globes to Be Installed by Commissioners.

Improved methods of street lighting were approved by the District Commissioners yesterday at the behest of the electrical department. On Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 200 powerful globes are to be installed; 120 in Maryland avenue southeast, from the Capitol grounds to Seventh street, and in Sixth street southwest, from Pennsylvania avenue to Virginia avenue.

TO REPORT ON G. A. R. CANVASS.

T. A. McKee Speaks of Plans to Contribute \$3,500.

Townley A. McKee, chairman of the G. A. R. encampment subcommittee, which is making a canvass of hotels, announces his committee will report Monday. It is expected the hotel will contribute \$2,500 to the encampment fund. Collections of subscribed amounts will begin May 1. Robert N. Harper, chairman of the finance committee, announced yesterday. Col. Harper is making a final appeal for donations. Other committees which will report, probably next week, are the committees on banking institutions and saloons and breweries.

May Buy Arlington Hotel Site.

Although Charles A. Douglas, legal representative of the Arlington Hotel corporation, owners of the excavated site of a proposed hotel at Vermont avenue and 1st street northwest, denies knowledge of a pending sale of that property, K. C. Brandenburg, local attorney, said yesterday that he is negotiating for the purchase of the property. He would not divulge the names of his clients or their plans. It is reported that the plans provide for the erection of a hotel and office building combined.

TEMPTS NATION WITH CHARMS OF CAPITAL.

P. T. Moran Urges Teachers, Parents, and Children to Come to Washington.

P. T. Moran, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, yesterday addressed a letter to all State superintendents of education in the country urging them to impress upon teachers, parents, and children that every good American ought to visit the Capital of his country. Mr. Moran enclosed with each letter a booklet, giving descriptions of attractions in this city. He emphasized the advantage of visiting Washington at an early date, adding that there would be a hearty welcome in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. The booklet gives views of all important public buildings, and of many of the beautiful views in and about Washington. The booklet, describing the advantages of Washington, says: "As a residential city, Washington stands paramount in all America. Its broad, paved streets, overhung with the foliage of numerous and rare trees forming complete arcways, are unquestionably the most beautiful in America." In conclusion the booklet says: "If you wish to live in the most beautiful city in the world and give your children command of its great institutions of learning, where are the National Conventions are represented and private and public schools are of the highest standard, libraries, art galleries, and museums, and where the theaters, clubs, fraternal orders, recreation parks, and public utilities are incomparable; then locate in your National Capital—Washington, the District of Columbia."

CONVENTIONS TO BRING 40,000.

List of Gatherings to Be Held Here Given Out by Chamber.

A list of conventions to be held in Washington in 1915 was given out by the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. About 40,000 delegates and visitors will attend. The big attraction on the list is the Grand Army of the Republic encampment in the early fall, which will draw at least 20,000 visitors. It is expected that the National Commercial Gas Association, November 2 to December 4; National American Woman Suffrage Association, December 2 to 14; Oyster Growers and Dealers Association of North America, June 15; American Clan Gregor Society, October 29 to 30; P. O. S. of America, November 10 to 12; International Electrotypes and Stereotypes Union, June 14 to 21; American Peace Society, May 7; American National Red Cross, December 7; American Institute of Architects, December.

CADET CORPS WINNERS NAMED.

Thurston Announces Result of Rifle Tournament.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Thurston, in charge of the cadet corps of the public schools, yesterday announced the winners of the recent rifle tournament of the school militia. The winners are: Inter-school match—Central High School, total points, 1,071; second, McKinley, 1,022; third, Western, 880; fourth, Eastern, 879; fifth, Business, 822. Battalion match—McKinley, 840; Central, 514; Western, 781; Eastern, 715; Business, 678. Company team match—Company 1, Central, 700; Company 2, Eastern, 686; Company H, Western, 619; Company A, Central, 602; Company B, Central, 586; Company C, McKinley, 533; Company E, Business, 482. Himmeler, of McKinley, won the officers' match, score 188. Stokes, of Central, led in the junior marksmen's match, score 184.

WILSON WILL NOT SEE HUERTA.

Mexican Will Not Be Received at the White House.

Victoriano Huerta will not be received at the White House should he apply there today. This information was obtained yesterday from an authoritative but unofficial source.

Peace May Change Pope's Status.

Amsterdam, April 23.—"Conclusion of peace may solve the question of the financial status of the Holy See, making the papacy independent of the gifts of the faithful," says the Bascheur Kurier. "Steps have been undertaken in Rome in this direction."

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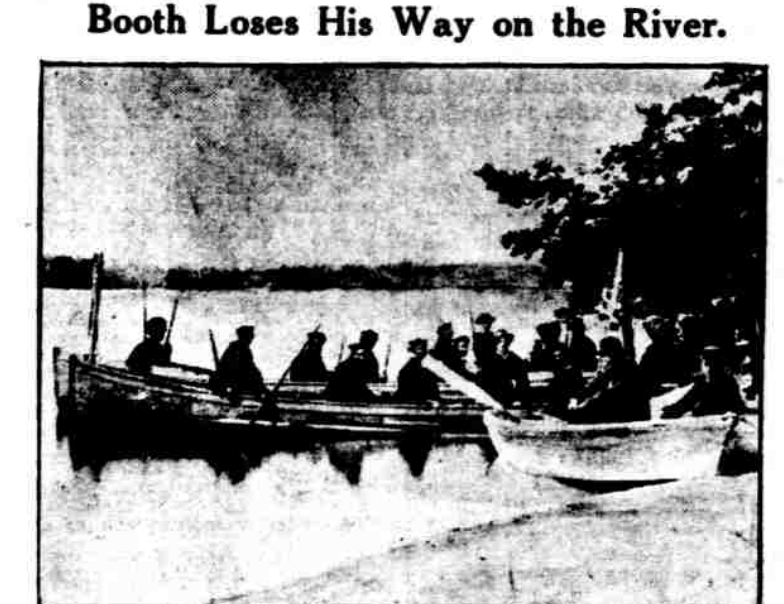
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LINCOLN AND BOOTH

The Inner Story of the Great Tragedy of Fifty Years Ago

By WINFIELD M. THOMPSON.

Booth Loses His Way on the River.



A WAR-TIME PATROL ON THE POTOMAC. The Skiff Shown at the Right Is of the Same Type as that in Which Booth Crossed the River.

Saying farewell to his friend in need, Thomas A. Jones, the one-time "blockade runner" of the Potomac, who from compassion and without price, had guided them to the river, the assassin and his companion, Herold, shoved off in their skiff from the Maryland shore, to cross to Virginia, in the evening of Friday, April 21, almost at the hour that Booth, seven days before, had fired the fatal shot at Lincoln.

The little cove in which they had embarked, Dennis Meadow, was calm and still; but as Herold rowed the boat out of it in the white fog that soon obliterated all traces of the bank the two men, in the broad river, a sound unfamiliar to either the rower or the deserter, pain-racked man who sat in the stern seat, and carefully shielded with an oil coat the candle that lighted his compass.

It was the wash of the flood tide, of which Jones had failed to warn them. It ran strong in the channel and over the shallows of the great stream, here five miles wide. In a short time the voyagers were in its grasp, being swept steadily up stream, though they sought by the aid of the compass needle to keep the boat's head toward the Virginia shore, where they hoped to effect a landing at Machodoc Creek.

Booth and Herold had set out from a point near Pope's Creek. Above there the river makes a great turn around Matthews Point, on the Virginia shore, its actual course in consequence being for some miles northward.

As they were swept into this great bend the refugees lost their bearings completely. Booth anxiously held the candle over the compass glass until its droppings obscured the rapid turnings of the card beneath; but Herold could not lay a course from his promptings that brought them to land.

Near Federal Gunboats.

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ing cautiously forth, he came to the house of Col. J. J. Hughes. Here he revealed his identity and, his story being sympathetically heard, was given food to last through the day and directions for resuming their voyage to Machodoc Creek at night.

During the day the fugitives lay hidden in the woods where they had landed. It was the eighth day since the assassination. Booth was now much reduced in strength. The night of the crime and the night following he had spent in the saddle. Six days and five nights he had lain without shelter in the woods in agony from his broken leg and with no comforts except cold food and coffee brought him daily by Jones.

Booth was now wild-eyed, haggard, unshaven and unkempt, a shadow of the man who had been believed Southern people would acclaim him their liberator. When he found that compassion for his pitiful plight was all he could command from the most ardent supporters of the South that he had met in his streets he began to see what he had done.

Booth Writes of His Crime. The bitterness of Booth's reflections on his day of hiding by the river is revealed in a letter he wrote to the little red diary he carried, with a few women's photographs, in an inner pocket. The date of the entry is written—April 21—on the last page of the diary in his misery—but its text is a clear revelation of the assassin's mind. The entry was as follows:

"Friday, 21.—After being hunted like a dog through swamps, woods, and last night being chased by gunboats till I was forced to return to the shore, I am starving, and every man's hand against me. I am here in despair. And why? For doing what Brutus was honored for or what I tell a million people I did for striking down a greater tyrant than they ever knew, am looked upon as a common cutthroat."

His action was purer than either of theirs. One hoped to be great himself; the other had not only his country, but his own wrongs to avenge. He believed in his own right, and wrong. I struck for my country, and that alone. A country ground beneath this tyranny, and prayed for its overthrow, and yet he had no hand to extend me! God cannot pardon me if I have done wrong. Yet I cannot see any wrong except in serving a degenerate President."

The little—the very little—I left behind to clear my name, the government will not allow to be printed. I think I have done well, though I am abandoned with the curse of Cain upon me, when, if the world knew my heart, that one blow would have made me great, though I did desire no greatness.

"Tonight I try to escape these blood-thirsty ones more. Who, who can read his fate? God will be mine. I have too great a soul to die like a criminal. O may He, may He spare me that, and let me die bravely! I bless the entire world. Have mercy on those who wronged any one. This last was not a wrong unless God deems it so. And it's with Him to damn or bless me. And for this have my wife and country to thank. I give, before and since) with a true and sincere heart, was it crime in him? If so, why can he pray the same? I do not wish a drop of blood, but I must fight the course." 'Tis all that's left me."

"The little I left behind" was a communication to his wife, justifying himself, that Booth put in the hands of a friend, who destroyed it on learning its character.

Tomorrow—Lincoln's funeral.

LECTURES FOR STORE WORKERS

Establishments Co-operate with Woman's Clinic Auxiliary.

In co-operation with the Woman's Clinic Auxiliary, several of the large department stores here are planning programs of social service benefits for their employees. Woodward & Lothrop and S. K. & Sons have announced that lectures for their female employees will be conducted regularly. The lectures are to be given by Dr. Elmore Folkmar, superintendent of the clinic.

At Julius Garfinkle & Co. pay envelopes last week contained cards explaining the nature of the service that will be rendered them by the clinic, and the hours to apply.

At Woodward & Lothrop's the employees were divided into three groups, each group to hear three lectures. The first, on "The Story of the Birth of a New Life," was delivered Tuesday. The second, "Special Hygiene for Women and Girls," was delivered yesterday, and the third, which will be given today, is entitled, "The Dress, Conduct, and Social Relations of Women."

There are about 2,000 female authors, editors, journalists, or reporters in England and Wales.

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I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT

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I'LL HAVE TO STAY OUT HERE IN THE HALL ALL NIGHT

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I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT

PHONEY FILMS—NO. 213.

HALF PAGE GOLDBERG COMICS IN SUNDAY'S HERALD

FLEET TO FRISCO IN JULY.

President Gives Orders that It Go Through Canal on July 4.

President Wilson yesterday decided that the Atlantic fleet shall be sent through the Panama Canal on July 4 next.

The positive decision caused much surprise. It is absolutely contrary to the growing expectation throughout the naval service and elsewhere that announcement soon would be made of another postponement of the proposed passage of the fleet through the Isthmian waterway.

The postponement from the original date set, last March to July, was official. It was made in the office of the chief of the bureau of naval affairs. The decision that the international situation was quite as much responsible for a postponement of the conditions in Culebra Cut. Conditions in Culebra Cut are not materially different from what they were last February, nor has the international situation particularly improved. It was indicated yesterday that so positive is the President's decision that if the big ships cannot safely go through the cut on July 4, then the canal authorities will be required to construct such vessels as can make the passage.

Besides the strategic matters involved, the question is partly one of domestic politics. The people of the Pacific Coast have been promised that the fleet should spend part of its time on the West coast as soon as possible.

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